



Homes and Community Renewal

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ENVIRONMENTAL UNIT DIRECTOR

New York State Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) is the State's affordable housing agency, with a mission to build, preserve, and protect affordable housing and increase homeownership throughout New York State.

Under the leadership of Governor Kathy Hochul and Commissioner RuthAnne Visnauskas, HCR is a vibrant, innovative agency that integrates and leverages New York State's housing resources. We have offices in New York City, Albany, Buffalo and Syracuse, and employ a diverse workforce of professionals who are hard-working and committed to serving low and moderate income families. Our mission is far reaching, encompassing single and multifamily housing finance, home improvement, rent regulation, housing subsidies, and community development. We partner regularly with a variety of public and private stakeholders.

Achieving this mission requires a wide range of skills and backgrounds in public policy, administration, real estate, architecture, finance, law, and many other areas of expertise. We seek to provide a workplace environment that is productive, flexible, accountable, ethical, and caring. Our employees are empowered to make a difference where they live and work. We offer competitive pay and a comprehensive benefits package, including paid leave, health, dental, vision, retirement, and family-friendly policies.

The Office of Multi-family Finance & Development manages ***HCR's*** multi-family and single-family housing programs and bond offerings. HCR has been the most active housing bond issuer in the country over the past four years, funding initiatives ranging in scope from mixed income rental developments to single family mortgages. The Office actively engages with a range of partners including for-profit and not for profit borrowers, municipalities, lenders, investors and other funding entities to leverage the State's Low Income Housing Tax Credits, tax exempt bonds, single family lending programs, and State funded programs. The Office is also responsible for implementing many of the initiatives under the State's unprecedented 5-year, \$20 billion Homelessness and Housing Plan to create or preserve more than 100,000 affordable homes and 6,000 supportive homes for New Yorkers.

HCR's Design, Construction & Environmental Unit is responsible for the architectural, environmental, and construction oversight of projects funded through various HCR financing programs. This oversight involves environmental and architectural reviews of projects seeking funding from, and subsequently funded by HCR, as well as the implementation of HCR Design Guidelines to ensure affordable housing projects financed by HCR address appropriate standards of safety, functionality, efficiency, and durability. The unit also monitors construction to ensure that all construction schedules and approved plans are properly executed on funded projects. Additionally, the unit provides support to projects who want to make capital improvements within HCR's Office of Housing Preservation portfolio.



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Job Description:

The Environmental Unit Director is responsible for managing and directing the activities of the Environmental Unit which encompasses environmental review and oversight on HCR projects statewide. The position includes coordination of the various funding programs overseen by HCR and consultation with multiple offices in HCR and other state agencies to ensure that all applicable environmental laws and regulations are met. The Environmental Unit Director also provides guidance and direction on HCR's environmental goals, objectives and priorities.

Relevant Duties:

- Manages and directs the activities of the Environmental Unit, encompassing environmental reviews and oversight on projects statewide in multiple programs overseen by the Agency.
- Establishes the Bureau's mission and sets goals, objectives and priorities in keeping with Agency policy and assures that these goals, objectives and priorities are met.
- Coordinates the efforts in the various funding programs to ensure all activities necessary for the effective management of statewide environmental review, clearance and oversight are carried out.
- Prepares long-range plans for Environmental Unit activities and priorities, in consultation with the VP of Design, Construction & Environmental and SVP of Office of Finance & Development.
- Ensures that resources are adequate for effect implementation of the Unit's environmental oversight.
- Coordinates and consults with staff in other agencies, such as the Department of Public Service, the Department of State, Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to ensure Unit policies and procedures are current.
- Responds to high-level requests for information and/or resolution of problems by the Agency executives, legislators, congressional representatives, local government officials, and recreation organizations, groups and associations.

This job description is not intended to be all inclusive, and employee will also perform reasonable related business duties as assigned. The primary working location will be Albany, but occasional travel to other locations in New York State will be required.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree plus ten years relevant experience.
- Comprehensive, working knowledge of federal, state, and local environmental legislation, rules, and regulations, as well as the principles and practices of environmental analysis and planning.
- Working knowledge of the effects of environmental projects on human and natural resources and ecological relationships.

What we offer:

- Extensive benefits package including paid leave, excellent health, dental, vision and retirement benefits;
- Promotional opportunity for dedicated professionals.



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